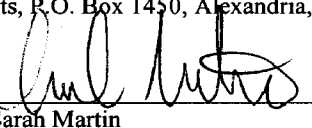


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In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2007 (hereinafter “the Office Action”), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants petition herein for a two month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 (a) and provide the required fee under 37 CFR §1.17 (a).

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